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Dr. Appar,

I've recently saw you on "The Phil Donahue Show". I enjoyed the hour very much and was sorry to see it end. I plan on getting your book. But, I have a problem I didn't hear discussed on the show—

I have a Learning Disability child. He's also a slow learner but hyperactive for which he takes 1-10 mg. tablet of Ritalin three times a day. His brain waves have been normal, but still he has this trouble. He also has a perceptual problem with his eyes.

What I want to know is would any of the things having to do with my labor & delivery have anything to do with this problem:

A. I was 18 yrs. old when he was born

B. He weighed 9 lbs.

C. My labor was long & postponed by shots till the doctor arrived — 24 hrs

D. he had to be taken by forceps. } I was doozy } by time of delivery

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E. He didn't cry right away.

F. His head was misshapen from my labor
(looked like a football)

However his growth & babyhood years he seemed normal. But when he entered Nursery School. His teacher said something was wrong - So I took him to a pediatrician - He said he's just highly immature & will outgrow it - Fine I thought, but he didn't function ^{in Kindergarten} or ~~there~~ either, they refused to send him on to 1st grade, so he's been in this Special Education Class 2 yrs & will have to stay indefinitely until they feel he's ready to go on to a regular classroom. I'm at the end of my wits trying to figure where or what caused this - I have a 5 yr old boy and a 2 yr old girl. Both I delivered by natural child birth - The boy weighed 8 lbs 7 oz the girl 9 lbs 1 oz - The girl my husband went into delivery with me and we shared the birth.

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Is there anything you can tell me about what causes these problems in children -

Could it be emotional? The reason I ask is my 8yr old boy I've discussed was 2 yrs old when his father went into the Navy and was 2 when he came home -

Thank you for your
Time -

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Convenience -
again thank you for
your time -